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In re Application of Michael F. Stumborg et al.

Serial No.: 09/137,084

Group Art Unit: 2811

Filed: August 20, 1998

Examiner: Not yet assigned

For: ELECTRONIC DEVICES WITH BARIUM FILM AND PROCESS FOR MAKING SAME

Docket No.: 79329

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMEND.		HIGHEST NO. PREV. PAID FOR		NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) [ ]								\$0.00
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

2. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:  
a substrate material having a surface;  
a barrier film on said substrate surface, said barrier film  
having a [monolayer of] layer comprising elemental barium atoms  
attached to said surface;  
a conductor on said barrier film, said conductor having a  
tendency to diffuse into said substrate material if in direct  
contact therewith; and wherein said [monolayer] layer comprising  
elemental barium atoms serves as a barrier, inhibiting diffusion  
of the conductor into the substrate material.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 21. A semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein  
said barrier film comprise a plurality of contiguous monolayer

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